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61/249. Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1704 (2006) of 25 August 2006, by which the Council decided to establish a follow-on mission in Timor-Leste, the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste, for an initial period of six months, with the intention to renew it for further periods, and its subsequent resolution 1745 (2007) of 22 February 2007, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 26 February 2008,

Recalling also its resolutions 61/249 A of 22 December 2006 and 61/249 B of 2 April 2007 on the financing of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

[1] A/61/871 and Corr.1.

[2] A/61/852/Add.17.

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste as at 31 March 2007, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 82.4 million United States dollars, representing some 49 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only nineteen Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular with regard to the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Takes note* of the recommendations contained in paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and decides to retain the levels of the Chief of Staff and the Deputy Police Commissioner responsible for administration and development as proposed by the Secretary-General in his report;[1]

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct a comprehensive review of the staffing structure of the Mission, including the posts of the Chief of Staff and the Deputy Police Commissioner responsible for administration and development, and to report thereon in his next budget submission for the Mission;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

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15. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste the amount of 160,589,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, inclusive of 153,159,800 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 6,390,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,039,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

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16. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 105,675,538 dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 26 February 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

17. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,456,419 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,981,902 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 428,059 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 46,458 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 54,914,362 dollars for the period from 27 February to 30 June 2008 at a monthly rate of 13,382,492 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

19. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,315,781 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,069,198 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 222,441 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 24,142 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste".

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